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President Johnson has awarded the National Security Medal to John A. McCone
Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from November 29, 1961, to
April 28, 1965.

The Medal was established in 1953. Mr. McCone is the twelfth person to
receive the Award for outstanding contribution in the field of intelligence
relating to national security.

The Medal was awarded to Mr. McCone by the President at a private ceremony
in the White House.

Text of the citation accompanying presentation of the National Security Medal
to John A. McCone:

As principal foreign intelligence officer of the United States and as senior
intelligence advisor to the President since 1961, Mr. McCone has given
distinguished leadership to the foreign intelligence effort of our Nation.
During his years of service as Director of Central Intelligence, he has
discharged the high responsibilities of his office with inspiration and ideal-
ism. To the service of the security of the United States, Mr. McCone has
brought the wisdom and experience of a long career in business and government.
His devotion to the welfare of our Nation and his unchallenged integrity in the
performance of his duties have set an exemplary standard for the intelligence
community. The service of Mr. McCone reflects the highest credit upon him
and the Central Intelligence Agency.

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